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Only ONE WEEK LEFT in which to finish your CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. You can find something for everyone, young and old, in my stock, from Glasses for Grandma, to a spoon for the baby.

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## COUNTY LOCALS.

### RUMFORD FALLS.

Mr. A. E. Morrison has returned from a trip to Boston.

Mrs. Elmer Lovejoy is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. G. A. Emerson of Lewiston visited in town last week.

Capt. W. C. Brooks of Milton Plantation was in town recently.

Miss Lulu Andrews of Mechanic Falls visited Mrs. Dr. Bisbee recently.

Mr. Carl Pierce recently received serious injuries while on a hunting trip.

E. I. Farwell, engineer for the International Paper Co., is on a hunting trip above Bemis.

B. L. Gardiner has closed his labors as bookkeeper for Greenleaf & Doring and returned to Auburn.

Miss I. Maud Brown, stenographer in Hon. G. D. Bisbee's office is confined to the house by illness.

M. C. Webber of Auburn has been delivering the directory of Rumford, which has just come from the press.

Dr. J. A. Nile has several patients already in the house recently purchased by him and which he will use for a hospital.

Mr. W. M. McLucas, formerly a shipping clerk in the Radcliffe Shoe shop at Norway, has accepted the position of freight clerk.

A new boarding house is being erected on the old Abbott Virgin farm in Virginia. It is directly opposite the lumber mill, and will be used solely for the workmen.

Mr. John W. Withee of Hotel Rumford spent a portion of last week in Bath, visiting Mr. G. Shaw who recently met with a serious accident.

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### HANOVER.

Scott Howe killed a deer on Monday, Dec. 9.

J. C. Saunders is hauling lumber to Virgin's mill.

Miss Ethel Hastings is teaching in district No. 1.

C. P. Bartlett is having hay hauled from the Powers place.

The same scholars from this town are attending Gould's Academy, as during the fall term.

Mrs. Mitchell died, Monday, Dec. 3, but on account of the storm, burial was deferred until Thursday, Rev. W. H. Congdon officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes of Andover made us a pleasant call while on their way to Bethel to attend the East Oxford Local Union.

### GROVER HILL.

"Tis the dark December weather,

Wind and wood and wave are sad;

"Tis the dark December weather,

Yet our hearts are blithe and glad."

Intensely cold weather.

Bad colds are prevalent here.

Fred Wheeler drives his pretty colt, Rex.

Eliphalet Haynes has recently driven a well.

A. L. Whitman has traded for a traverse sleigh.

Albert Whitman has a very pretty weanling colt.

Mrs. Olive Grover and Mrs. Peter Wheeler are quite ill.

Mrs. A. V. Walker is expected home from South Paris quite soon.

A. J. Peaslee from South Bethel was at N. A. Stearns' Sunday, Dec. 9.

H. H. Hastings, Esq., visited the school in this district last Thursday.

Levi Brown and Gwendolyn Stearns did not return to their studies at Gould's Academy last week on account of rough weather.

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### WEST LOVELL.

Albert Babinneau came home Friday, as the mill was shut down for repairs.

Miss Pamela McDaniel's returned to Saco Saturday, after a two months' visit to her niece, Mrs. Nathaniel Fox.

A Nature Guard band was formed at Foxboro Tuesday evening, Dec. 11, to be called Horseshoe Lake Band. G. H. Fox was elected Spy, and Mrs. Z. McAllister guardian.

The West Lovell Library Circle met Saturday evening, Dec. 15, with the president, Mrs. W. S. Fox, to take action upon building a hall the coming year. John Fox, R. A. LeBaron and Z. McAllister were chosen as trustees to secure a building site, material and lumber for the hall.

### MIDDLE INTERVALE.

A. M. Carter went to Portland last Monday.

Nina Mason is working for Mrs. B. W. Kimball.

Ernest Mason began work for O. A. Buck last week.

Miss Frances Carter is visiting in Framingham, Mass.

Lilla Buck is planning to spend Christmas week in Portland.

### Drick Tea.

Our endurance would be tested to the breaking point were our only resource the brick tea of Tibet, made and flavored after the true Tartar recipe. This tea, for the convenience of portage on camels, is made up in the form of hard, solid, bricklike lumps, which are supposed to consist of the stems and leaves of our ordinary tea plant. But in the majority of cases brick tea is merely the offscourings of the tea plantation, together with dust and adulteration of endless other plants. There is little of the crisp, curly tea leaves to be found in these lumps.

When tea is to be made, pieces are chipped off the bricks and immersed in boiling water. The result is a dark, strong flavored liquid, with harsh, unpleasant taste. One merit alone it possesses—it is undoubtedly stimulating. The flavor of the tea is not improved either to our taste by the additions to it which the Tartar favors. Instead of cream and sugar, mutton fat and salt are usually considered the correct things to add, and it can readily be imagined that the beverage thus produced does not present any particular attraction to Englishmen. — Good Words.

### He Cashes Pay Checks.

New York pays its employees by check, and each pay day sees a great many men with their whole month's salary in their hand, but no money. Various bankers whose places of business are near the city hall are willing to cash the city's checks, but they charge a commission, usually 10 cents on each \$100.

The proprietor of a saloon near the city hall is willing to cash the checks without charging a commission, and on pay days his establishment is jammed with officials. He makes his profit on the increased sale of liquors at his bar, for no man after having his check cashed leaves the place without buying a drink. The proprietor of the establishment provides against the city pay day by drawing \$25,000 from the bank and hiring a man to take entire charge of the check cashing business. Frequently the entire \$25,000 is exchanged for checks. When this happens, the proprietor sends for more money. No city employee asks to have his pay check cashed and is not accommodated, and the extra pay day sales at the bar are a considerable feature of the year's trade.—New York Sun.

### A Clever Dog.

There is more in a dog than man's philosophy accounts for. No theory of instinct—sometimes defined as a faculty prior to experience and independent reason—will explain some actions of a clever dog whose case is reported by a correspondent of the London Spectator:

I knew a dog in Ireland—a retriever—who had been taught always to bring his own tin dish in his mouth, to be filled at the late dinner. For some reason his master wished to make a change and to feed him twice a day instead of once.

The dog resented this, and, when told to bring the dish, refused, and it could nowhere be found, on which his master spoke angrily to him and ordered him to bring the dish at once.

With drooping tail and sheepish expression he went down the length of the garden and began scratching up the soil, where he had buried the bowl deep down to avoid having to bring it at an hour of which he did not approve.

**Good Ear For That Music.** "There's a man who has a good ear for music," remarked the dyspeptic man who was bothered by the piano playing of the young woman next door. "Who, Dumley? Why, he's deaf as a post," replied his friend. "I know he is," said the dyspeptic man.—Philadelphia Press.

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## THE HOME

## Did You Ever Have the Blues?

The blues! What are they? Webster defines them as "Lowness of spirits." How they unfit us for our duties of the day; how they silence our kindly words and mother our smiles. What a wet-blanket feeling they give to everything. Even the dog slinks away, all his friskiness subdued, when he looks us in the face and discerns our "Lowness of spirits."

We see a cloud upon our sky, perhaps it is a very small one; sometimes we feel it instead of being holding; just a faint depression, a little dismal dampness, a forlornness we cannot account for. We immediately forget that no life can be entirely cloudless; we think we have all the trouble portioned out to humanity; the spirit of gloom settles on us; we succumb, and lo! we have the blues.

Who hath a cure for them? We may take pepper for our stomach's sake, rub camphor on our aching head, bathe our rheumatic limbs with liniment and our bruises with witch-hazel; but how shall we minister to our "Lowness of spirits?" Let me whisper it to you; or shall I shout it from the house-top? There is a blessed balm that never fails to soothe, which is found in doing kindly deeds and speaking comforting words.

One rainy day not long ago, I sat at my desk vainly endeavoring to chain a few words together in coherent form. Whether it was the awkward material I had to deal with, the clumsiness of my brain or the depressing downpour outside, I know not, but I felt my "lowness" stealing over me. Just then the small boy of my household very timidly reminded me, "You said on a rainy day you'd paste some pictures in my scrap-book." Being exceedingly desirous of wooing the Muse, I said, "Don't bother me now, dear."

The child's voice was obediently silenced; but not the far more insistent voice of my heart, that firmly repeated the words my memory had taught it, "Do something for somebody quick." The pen and paper were laid aside, the dining-table took the place of the desk, and the ambitious scribbler was immediately transformed into an interested mother delighting her little son by gayly pasting the gaudy bunches of flowers, and the pictured birds and animals into amusing clusters on the white pages before her; laughing joyfully herself as she brought sunshine into a heart too young to understand a "lowness of spirits," but which felt a dejection not unusual on a dark and gloomy day.

There is never a time when we cannot find something to do for somebody. It may be only to write a few simple, kindly words; to run across to a neighbor with a book we believe she will enjoy reading; to copy for some acquaintance a poem we are sure she will like to have. Perhaps we are using odd moments to make a dainty gift for a friend; if so, take a few stitches on it and see how quickly the gloom is dispersed. If you see nothing else you can do, just sit quietly for a few minutes and think of the pleasures you have had. That trip you enjoyed so much last summer, can you ever forget it? That bunch of roses your husband brought home on your birthday, what a sweet gift that was. Those endearing words your prattling child lips to you every day, what could be more comforting? Think and think, my sister, and still think on till sunshine has banished shadow and you can rise up with a sturdy will, turn your back on cloudland where the Blue King reigns, and go bravely forth to cheerfully meet whatever the coming hours may bring.

## Self-Sacrifices.

"Don't talk to me about self-sacrifice," cried the energetic young business woman, as she came in from the office and took down a Ruskin; I'm disgusted with it! I have seen women give up and give up until their husbands become brutes; and husbands yield prerogatives until their wives were holy horrors. Wherever you find one of these self-sacrificing people, you will find mountains of selfishness, just as surely as you will find toad-

stools growing out of rottenness." "My," drawled the indifferent girl, "What's started you to flying in the face of scriptures?"

"I'm not flying in the face of anything; I'm talking common sense. Self-sacrifice is one form of selfishness and it breeds another. Many a time it is lots easier to give up than it is to stand to our guns. We are naturally supposed to care more for our guns than for giving up, and so, we get the credit of being good-natured and self-sacrificing when, in truth, we are only lazy and self-indulgent. There's no sense in it, any way. The more I knock around the world, the more firmly am I convinced that this idea of self-sacrifice is the source of untold mischief. Stand on your feet and let others stand on theirs and the whole concern will stand straighter. God gave us our life to make the most of it. Lots of good we will do with it if we fling it down in the mud for other folks to dance jigs on!"

"Your ideas are no doubt crude," remarked the indifferent girl indifferently, "but they sound sensible."

"They are sensible. What is that parable of the single talent for? Or any of the other parables that teach the duty of developing to its highest every gift and grace? We can make the world glad only by being glad; strong by being strong. Not by flinging ourself in a ditch of posing as a martyr. Let me tell you, it takes nerve to be glad and strong-hearted, no matter what happens. But it is our business to scratch around and find the nerve, and to keep everlastingly at it."

"Whether we feel like it or not?" murmured the indifferent girl; "strikes me, that is a sort of self-sacrifice."

But the young business woman had gone back to Ruskin and was looking for his chapter on pines. She agreed with Thoreau in his saying: "I would rather get near the heart of a pine-tree than of anything else." For she was in earnest about her life and it seemed to her that in its unfading green, its tireless strength and unutterable repose, the pine-tree was the type of all that life held highest and noblest.

## Little Civilities.

If, as the old saying has it, civility costs nothing, it certainly gains much, both in the way of liking and of kindness; therefore, it seems a great pity that so many people dispense with it in small matters of daily life. There are no doubt, very few people who are actually and actively rude and uncivil, but there are, on the other hand, many who are, if we may use the term, passively impolite. They, do not, that is, commit a downright rudeness, but they omit a vast number of little civilities.

Men, perhaps, grumble the most but it is the women who really feel most the loss of little civilities, for every woman at heart loves to be thought of, looked after, and treated with care and consideration, and every woman also delights in the little attentions that make smooth and pleasant the pathway of life. She may not always, however, acknowledge this fact—will probably look upon it as a weakness to be hidden away from the sight of men, and to do this more effectually will try to be brusque, and even rough in her manner.

If it is manners that "maketh man," it is most certainly woman who both makes and mars men's manners, for there is no man however rough and uncouth in manner, who is not influenced, and to some degree softened, by contact with a courteous and gracious-mannered gentleman. This is no reason why, because they lead more active lives than did their mothers, and tread pathways untrodden by their sex before, that they should pretend to have neither liking nor acknowledgement for the small courtesies that have ever been accorded to their sex, and, it is to be hoped, for the sake

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## Cost of a Dress in Paris.

The actual labor involved in the making of a \$120 dress in Paris after it leaves the cutter's hands seldom exceeds \$2, says Mainly About People. But, it may be asked, where does the rest of the money go? In the first place, quite \$20 must be allotted to the chief for his origination, his administrative talent and the maintenance of himself and family. Then, before his aristocratic clients can come in to give their orders, he must provide an expensive establishment luxuriously fitted and furnished in the heart of fashionable Paris. He must surround himself with an equally expensive staff, composed of men and women who, by their suavity of manner, business experience, talent and tact, are competent to satisfy and even delight the most capricious, frivolous, irresolute, and fickle creatures in the world. These items would absorb another \$30. Interest on capital and on money outstanding would represent another \$8.

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## Things Worth Knowing.

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New tins should be set over the fire with boiling water in them for several hours before food is put into them.

## Costliest Trifling Made.

The wife of the king of Siam has a trinket of gold enriched with diamonds and precious stones. It is shaped like a partially opened lotus flower, each petal bearing the interlaced initials of the sovereign and his wife in amethysts, rubies, emeralds or topazes. Around the rim of the trinket can be read the date of the marriage according to the Siamese and European calendars, each number and each letter being of alternate diamonds and pearls.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19, 1900.

General Mercier is now wondering whether he would have spoken if he had thought first.

Chairman Ray of the Judiciary Committee is about to take the first steps toward securing an amendment to the Constitution giving the government power over marriage and divorce. It is to be hoped that he will succeed, though the road will undoubtedly be long and rocky. The divorce laws of many states are a stench in the nostrils of the world.

Again the planet Mars has become an interesting subject to astronomers. A curious protuberance has recently been discovered its edge. The Marites are always hanging out some sort of signals to attract the attention of their earthly neighbors, and so those fellows who are really getting scared for fear that they are to invade the earth need have no undue fears in the matter.

Washington city's finances are in the hands of Congress. Taxes are levied and collected, but not one cent can be spent without the approval of Congress. The result is that the capital city of the nation is suffering from an epidemic of typhoid fever, which the physicians testify is due entirely to the filthy condition of the water supply. Yet Congress will not appropriate the city's own money for a system of filtration.

The News is in receipt of a little booklet containing two sermons by Rev. E. A. Buck, who is well known in Bethel, having served as pastor of the Congregational church many years. One is on Scriptural Baptism and the other on Infant Baptism. The two sermons are comprehensive and interesting and have been highly commended by such men as Willard F. Mallalieu, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, Auburn, Mass., and the late Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D. These little booklets are on sale at 10¢ each at the store of Miss Burnham, and doubtless will have a good sale here in Bethel among Rev. Mr. Buck's friends.

### The Greatest in the World.

Every State has increased in population, and the only city, which has apparently lost is the one which added its returns ten years ago and now suffers for its folly.

The United States now has a larger population than any European country except Russia; and the average of our wealth and productive capacity carries us far beyond that kingdom in real greatness. Germany, among European countries, comes next to the United States, but it can show only a population of 52,279,901, or about two-thirds of our total. In area the United States, with its new possessions, is about as large as all Europe. In wealth it is the richest nation the world has ever known.

### The Apportionment.

The census committee have reported the Hopkins Apportionment bill which provides that the number of representatives remain the same as at the present time, 357. If this measure passes, and it seems quite probable that it may, the result will be that Maine will lose a representative as will also the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, South Carolina and Virginia. The Maine delegation have been

very confident that Maine would retain her present representation, and it is to be hoped that she may, and yet if it proves to be for the best interest of the country at large, that the membership of the lower house remain as it is, Maine will not be the state to put up a serious howl, but she will rather do as she has always done, send men of that stamp that even three of them will be worth a regiment of such men as some of our sister States are inflicting that body with at the present time.

Maine is all right, and if she does not have but three representatives, you may be sure that those three will count three every time.

### Communication.

ICELEDALE, NORTH POLE,

DEC. 15, 1900.

Dear Bethel News:—  
It has now been almost twelve months since I met my many dear friends in Bethel, and it is with a great deal of joy that I look forward to my visit to them, which I anticipate making next week.

I am always glad to meet the boys and girls of Bethel privately, because they are just a bit better than the boys and girls in most places, and partly because they are, or at least they always seem to be pleased to see me.

Please say to the dear little folks that may be inquiring for me, that I shall certainly be there on time, blow high or blow low, and that I shall bring them just the nicest lot of nice things that they have ever seen.

By the way, I intend to keep up a better correspondence with them next year than I have in the past, and I shall want a good supply of your nice stationery, so please keep some for me and I will give you a call when I come, and I want another one of those fountain pens such as you sold me two years ago; say, that pen would write the best letters of any pen that I ever saw, I guess you would better save me two, or rather one for me and one for Mrs. Santa.

I understand that you have some nice things for presents this year, and I shall depend upon you to help me make up my list. I shall want some toilet sets, cuff and handkerchief boxes, shaving sets, photo boxes and photo albums, writing desks, fine stationery, Bibles, madallions, picture frames,

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Mrs. Mary J. Perry,  
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"When St. Nick was young and his limbs were fleet,  
He travelled from house to house on his feet,  
As he grew older, his limbs gave way  
To eight reindeer and a handsome sleigh,  
He next decided that he would like  
To trade his reindeer off for a bike;  
He is getting too old to pedal his wheel  
And this time will come in an automobile."

Virgil Chapman is improving.  
Charlie Frost is working at Norway.

Ira Cole, who has been ill with typhoid fever, is some better.

Don Smith has been suffering from an abscess in his throat.

Miss Fannie Hastings and Mrs. Edwin Swain were in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nahum Frost are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bisbee.

Mrs. Nathaniel Trask has been quite ill with a gathering in her throat.

Our Patrons started on Monday morning for State Grange at Lewiston.

On account of sickness the horse belonging to Virgil Chapman was killed on Saturday.

Messrs. Day & Kennison made a short stay here on their way from Bridgton to Andover.

Mr. Geo. Spinney had trapped sixteen foxes when snow came to stop further operations.

The Ladies' Union Circle will meet at the vestry Wednesday afternoon and evening, Dec. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Dresser with Misses Mary and Lizzie Dresser, spent Thursday night with us, on their way from Albany to Roxbury, where they will spend the winter.

At the last meeting of Bear River Grange the following officers were elected:

Master—T. H. Jewett.  
Overseer—W. W. Wight.  
Chaplain—J. C. Saunders.  
Steward—A. E. Bailey.  
Lecturer—J. R. Howard.  
Secretary—A. T. Powers.  
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Ceres—Mrs. J. Brown.  
Flora—Mrs. W. W. Wight.  
Lady Assistant Steward—Mrs. A. E. Bailey.

### Lost.

Lost on Church or Main St. in Bethel village, a ladies' black purse containing a small sum of money. The finder will please leave the same at the News office and be suitably rewarded.

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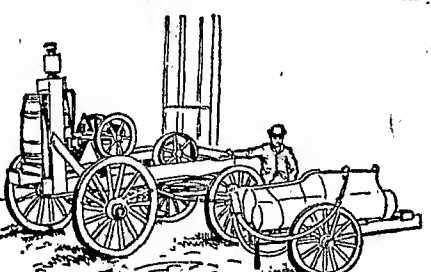
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A new wrinkle in spraying with bordeaux mixture is the use of compressed air, which a Pennsylvania farmer describes in Rural New Yorker as follows: The first out shows the manner of charging the air tanks, while the second shows the machine in operation. The rig is perhaps a little expensive, but it does the work fast—just as fast as you wish to—and the hard work is a thing of the past. The entire outfit consists of a two horsepower gasoline engine, an air compressor mounted on a one horse wagon and two two wheeled carts carrying the air and mixture tanks. Each cart is supposed to carry two tanks of 50 to 100 gallons each. The photo shows three tanks. I had intended to use a small tank for air

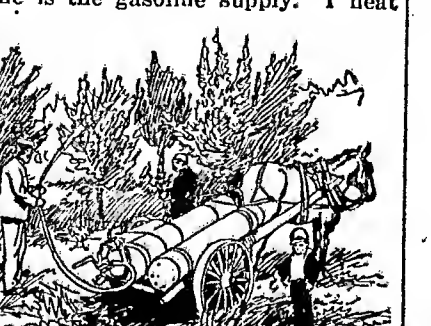


CHARGING AIR TANKS BY MACHINERY.  
and have the initial pressure 200 pounds, but in practice I found it better to have more air space and lower pressure, so I added another tank. The two tanks are connected together by one-quarter inch gaspipe and shut off valve. Each tank has a steam gauge to show at all times the amount of pressure inside it. One tank has a hose connection with common union coupling to attach it to air compressor. The other tank has a large pipe connected at bottom. This pipe turns up behind the tank and terminates with a large valve—refilling valve. Near the turn of the large pipe is a tee connection having attached two lines of hose, as shown in the picture. Of course more lines can be connected if thought best. The energy is stored before commencing work, so the number of nozzles used has no bearing on the quality of the work done.

The carts are very simple affairs, homemade; two thills with three cross-pieces all bolted together, with the tanks strap bolted to crosspieces. The first picture shows how the engine and air pump are mounted on a heavy one horse wagon so as to be easily moved to any point where it is most convenient to water to fill spray tank. Operation is as follows: One cart is backed up to the compressor, as shown in first picture. The hose is connected (about ten seconds' work) and engine started. The operator then takes a large wooden pail or tub with a short piece of pipe in bottom that fits the refilling valve, opens a little relief valve at top of spray tank and pours the mixture in. By the time the operator gets the mixture tank full the engine has got up a pressure of 125 pounds in the air tank and is ready to begin operations.

The machine is now ready for use, is disconnected from the compressor and driven to orchard. When ready to throw spray, the valve in small pipe connecting air to mixture tank is opened a little. In two or three seconds the gauge on mixture tank will show 50 or 60 pounds pressure. This is about the right pressure to throw a dense fog of spray. As long as nozzles are in use the little valve is left open slightly so that the pressure in the spray tank is constant at 50 or 60 pounds. If the nozzles are shut off for a minute or two or longer, it is closed so pressure will not go too high.

Now as to cost. For my purpose, all things considered, a gasoline engine seemed to be best. It cost \$165, is two horsepower, weighs about 250 pounds. The barrel shown is half full of water, connected by pipes with water jacket of engine cylinder. The can upon the frame is the gasoline supply. I heat



COMPRESSED AIR OUTFIT IN THE FIELD.  
the hot tube with charcoal. That is the stuff I have found that will not blow out on a windy day. The air compressor cost \$60. Engine runs 400 revolutions, size of pulley ten inch, belt three inch. With only 125 pounds maximum pressure and the fact that in changing the compressor stops no water jacket is really necessary, although I use a little water in the jacket.  
The tanks can be had of any manufacturer of soda water or bottlers' supplies. They are known to the trade as "air tanks." They can be had in any size, are tested to 200 pounds or more, are not very heavy and cost last winter \$15 each for 50 gallon tanks. Every one knows what nozzles, hose and connections cost. I used grape wagon wheels and axle for the carts. The framework costs possibly \$5 for each.

Just figure on the cost of a telephone line extending from your farm to town, talk it over with those along the line who would be glad to go in with you, and you will be surprised that you haven't had a phone long ago, says Farm Journal.

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## WIT AND WISDOM.

"I occasionally drop into poetry," as the man said when he fell into the editorial waste basket.

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"A prudent man," says a witty Frenchman, "is like a pin. His head prevents him from going too far."

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Aunt—Well, Bobby, what do you want to be when you grow up?  
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"Grandfather," said a saucy little boy the other day, "how old are you?" The old gentleman, who was much under the ordinary size, took the child between his knees, and said: "My dear boy, I am eighty-five years old; but why do you ask?" The little fellow replied: "Well, it seems to me you are very small of your age!"

"Pompey, why, am de cross colored baby like de buttercups ob de valley?" "Gibber up, Jones. Why am I?" "Why, one am colored yellow, ain't it, and ain't de other a colored yellow, too?"

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Great Britain has 88,000 teachers.  
In China 5,060,000 people live in boats.

San Francisco has a Chinese detective.

Two states in the Union—Wyoming and Nevada—have less than one inhabitant to the square mile.

Two young men of St. John's, Mich., soaked wheat in alcohol and strewed it around the court house grounds. Then they gathered in bags upwards of 400 inebriated birds and secured the bounty of them.

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## An Embarrassing Name.

A tall, raw-boned stranger of the antediluvian period sauntered into the post-office the other day, and in stentorian tones inquired of Clerk Gibb if there were any letters there for him. In a meek and gentle voice the assistant postmaster said, softly:

"The name, please?"

"Louder," replied the man of ancient origin, and the public servant raised his voice a tone or so higher and again asked:

"The name, please?"

"Louder!" again replied the long-geared stranger; whereupon the assistant inquired in an angered tone:

"Your name, please?"

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## Christmas Long Ago.

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When I washed your lovely features In the snow,  
And you pelted me so soundly,  
And berated me so roundly,  
That my boyish spirit rose in grim defiance, don't you know,  
And I kissed you while you struggled In the snow.  
Your face was red as scarlet,  
Then, my dear,  
And your flashing eyes betrayed an Angry tear;  
And we parted at the turning,  
While your face was deeply burning—  
Burning with indignant blushes, filling with horror fear  
That you never would forgive me, Phyllis, dear.

But I called to you far up the  
Winding lane,  
And you waited till I reached your  
Side again,  
And your eyes grew soft and tender  
As I told you, I remember,  
Told you of a love I swore to you could  
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## Our Young Readers

A Letter to Santa Claus.

"Put a 'velop on it, and write his name, and put it in the post-office," insisted Polly.

"Polly, what on earth is it?" asked Mattie, looking at the half-sheet of letter paper, with queer ink-lines and cross tracks all over it.

"It's a letter I've writ to Santa Claus," said Polly with a very serious air.

Mattie's black eyes danced with fun as she looked from the letter to the earnest face of the writer.

"Billy," she exclaimed, "come here and see what Polly's been doing."

"He may look," said Polly, "but I don't want any body else to know."

Billy was one of those boys who can laugh inside and not let a sound escape. He looked at the letter.

"It's just the thing," he said. "I'll sign her name to it."

"And I'll do it up," said Mattie. "It's got to go," said Billy, "and if it gets to him he may come," though father and mother, and even Mattie had said Santa Claus is not coming to our house "this year."

This was the reason why 'Squire Leadenway, on the day before Christmas, gave his team a rest right in front of the Lummis house. He had not seen anybody yet, but a small, clear voice seemed to almost come up out of the snow:

"Mister," it said, "wait, please?"

"Hullo!" said 'Squire Leadenway, heartily, "who are you? What do you want?"

"I'm Polly Lummis. It's a post-office."

She held up the white envelope as she spoke, and he could now look down from his load of bags of grain into her round, rosy, and eager little face. His hand, covered by a great thick, yarn mitten, went right out and took the letter.

"Post-office?" he said. "Yes. No stamp. Sakes alive! Santa Claus? Guess it doesn't need any stamp. I'll take it Polly."

"Will it get him?" asked Polly.

"Hope it will," he said, emphatically. "I declare! Santa Claus! You thought you'd write to him, eh?"

"Cause he isn't coming to our house," she said.

"That's bad," said the 'Squire. "He ought to come. Why, I'd like to see him myself."

"Thank you, sir," said Polly. "I hope it'll get him."

She darted back to the gate, and 'Squire Leadenway drove on to the village, chuckling to himself: "Fat little chub. Christmas. Well, now. Children of her size are kind o' scarce."

A little later a squad of men were standing by the counter in McGonegal's store. At that moment the door flew open, and 'Squire Leadenway stamped slowly in. He was an important man, and all were ready to say "Good morning" to him, but he spoke first to the postmaster:

"McGonegal, there, does that call for a two-cent stamp or a one-cent, or will you take it out in trade?"

"Santa Claus!" exclaimed the astonished postmaster. "He doesn't live anywhere round here. What does it mean?"

"It means Polly Lummis—little chub 'bout his high as a grasshopper—stopped me in front of their house. Said Santa Claus wasn't coming if the letter didn't get him. I'd give something to know what's inside," said the 'Squire.

"I have some curiosity myself," remarked Dr. Link.

"I haven't," said Elder Group, with firmness. "It's a childish superstition."

"Open it comes?" exclaimed Judge Hopper, and it was curious to see those gray heads and wrinkled faces crowding toward that piece of paper covered with curious signs and pictures.

"It needs an interpreter," said Dr. Link. "It appears to be written in an unknown tongue."

"I'm not so sure of that," remarked Judge Hopper. "Guess I'm Santa Claus enough to take it home, anyway, and show it to my wife."

Everybody in the store saw it first; and the Judge showed it to

three men and four women on his way to his own house.

"Sho!" said Mrs. Hopper when she saw it, "your name isn't Santa Claus, nor mine either. What made you keep it?"

"Because, Ellen, I thought you might see some fun in it."

"Sho! nonsense! You're too old a man to do any practical joking. So is 'Squire Leadenway. Did he write that scrawl, or did you?"

"Polly Lummis gave it to him. 'Tisn't a scrawl, exactly. I've been trying to make out what she means. That's a doll's face, and those must be sticks of candy."

"You don't say. She's a little thing."

Mrs. Hopper sat down with Polly's letter in her lap. It was difficult to read, beyond a doubt, for it made her wipe her spectacles three times before she finished it. She got up quickly and went up-stairs. She walked straight to an old bureau, unlocked a drawer and pulled it out. It was full of children's toys. "Twelve years ago," she said, "and I've never taken 'em out any year till the night before Christmas." Then all that was in the drawer came out upon the floor, and she sat down by the heap she had made.

Polly Lummis, now that her letter was gone, was quite sure Santa Claus would call at the post-office and ask if there was anything for him. Billy piled up logs in the sitting-room fireplace after supper until the family had to pull back their chairs and sit by the table. There they sat and talked and laughed about the apples and nuts they meant to have when next Christmas Eve should come, and about all the good stories they had ever heard that belonged to Santa Claus and to Christmas, until the forebick broke down in a great shower of sparks, and Mrs. Lummis said it was time to go to bed.

When Polly had been some two hours asleep, or apparently so, something very queer came. It was not a dream, for it broke right in through a great beautiful dream she was having about Santa Claus reading a letter, and it woke her up. She was sure she heard something. It was a slow crunch, crunch, crunch on the path from the road to the house. She lay as still as a mouse, whispering to herself, "He got it, I know he got it. That's Santa Claus out there." It was not he, but it was Judge Hopper, all wrapped up, trying to walk stealthily.

"Ellen," said he to a lady back in the snowdrift, "I hung the satchel on the door knob. They're all abed and asleep."

Polly, wide awake, listening, heard another crunch, crunch, crunch, this time very heavy.

"He's come again," she said to herself. "He forgot something and had to go back after it."

Once more it was not Santa Claus, only 'Squire Leadenway, with a turkey in one hand and a ham in the other. He put them

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A Letter to Santa Claus.

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on the door-step, and got back into the road again, saying to himself:

"I wouldn't have anybody know it, and be called Santa Claus the rest of our life, but Polly'll have a good dinner for herself and her folks."

He barely reached his sleigh, hitched a little distance up the road, in time to escape being seen by a man who came from the direction of the village.

"There he is again," said Polly, "crunch, crunch."

"It's all I can afford," said Elder Group; "but a quarter-eagle can buy something. I'm glad somebody else has been here," he murmured, as he took out of his pocket a little faded blue silk bag and hung it on the door-knob.

He had hardly passed McGonegal's door when the postmaster came into the street, dragging a well-loaded new sled.

"I was caught in my own trap. I said I'd give Polly the sled if they would load it. And here I am playing Santa Claus when I ought to be in bed. But then I am postmaster, and Polly's letter was delivered. I'd like to see Polly, though, when she opens the door in the morning."

Mr. and Mrs. Lummis were up first and arranged a few Christmas surprises, although they had said Santa Claus was not coming. It seemed as if all had found, as they looked at their gifts, as much Christmas as they wished, when suddenly Polly shouted:

"Santa Claus was here last night. I heard him."

"Where was he?" asked Billy.

"Out front of the house."

"Let's go and see if his reindeer left any hoofmarks," said Mattie.

"The letter got him!" The letter got him!" shouted Polly.

There was a great deal of Christmas when the gifts were all brought into the sitting-room. And the next time Polly went into the village, it seemed as if everybody knew her and had a laugh ready.

WILLIAM O. STODDARD.

The Cynic.

Dear old Jack; another noble man gone wrong! Thrown away his life and future for a song! Side tracked by a pretty face! Swindled through coquettish grace! Poor old Jack; illusions cannot last for long!

I can conjure up a picture; I can see Dear old Jack bested by offerings, two or three; Daring not her will oppose; Led and tethered by the nose, Thinking of old times he's had with me.

For myself, let Cupid put his wares away; Of fair woman's wily snare I will actually beware; I will live unto myself, let come what may.

—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Only Tender Part.

"Although I was late," said the new boarder, "I found the landlady had saved for me the tenderest part of the chicken." "What was that?" asked the star boarder jealously.

"Some of the soup."—Indianapolis Press.

Energy all gone? Headache? Stomach out of order? Simply a case of torpid liver. Burdock Blood Bitters will make a new man or woman of you.

—If you are going to make Christmas presents, and of course you are, why not get something that will make life more comfortable and enjoyable during the cold winter that has so forcibly announced its

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Packing Trunks.

Anybody can pack a trunk in a way, but to pack one properly is another thing. Care should be taken to fill in solidly as one packs. Never go back and fill spaces after most of the things are in. Always pack large articles first. Skirts should be folded from the hem, folding them twice, then turning them back one fold, so that the skirt at the hem will be shaped like a W crushed together. This keeps them even and smooth at the bottom and leaves all the wrinkles to come at the top, where they show the least.

Wraps should be folded like men's coats. Waists and crushable dresses should be packed in trays. All puffs and sleeves should be slightly stuffed with something to keep them in shape; veils, laces, handkerchiefs and such articles may be used for this purpose. There is no danger of getting a trunk too full if rightly packed; the fuller the better; then everything keeps its place.

Hats and bonnets are the most difficult to manage. The bows should be filled with tissue paper or other soft material; then, after removing flowers and feathers, pack clothing closely and carefully around, and they will not be harmed. The feathers and flowers should be placed in a box with enough tissue paper to hold each in place. When all is in, lay a piece of paper cambric or other starched goods over all to keep out the dust that is sure to find its way through the trunk top during a long journey.

If Men Were Women.

"If I were a woman," said a man worth quoting to a southern correspondent, "I would think nothing better worth my while than first to have a good and liberal education. I do not mean by that I would be satisfied with nothing less than a college training, though that is good in its way, and I would know history and geography and literature, with enough arithmetic to attend to my own accounts and business affairs should occasion require. If I were a woman, I should consider myself very incompetent to take up the lines of household management without a good working knowledge of cooking and cleaning and sewing. If I were a woman, I would learn to do every bit of work that is generally conceded to lie within woman's domain."

"If I were a woman," says another man, both writers giving their views to the Detroit Free Press, "I would inform myself upon the topics of the times and current events. I would know something about the latest books, the latest plays, a little about music and a little about art, even if I could not know much about any of these things. Then when my husband or my children or my friends were ready for a half hour's chat I could be counted on to be companionable. I would never discuss the servant question, and I would never tell about the little hitches in the domestic machinery."

This man's ideal woman stands out very clearly. She is the companionable woman.

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"Ah, beautiful lady," exclaimed the clairvoyant, "you have come to find your future husband! Is it not so?" "Not much," replied the beautiful lady. "I have come to find out where my present husband is when he's absent."—Philadelphia Press.

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